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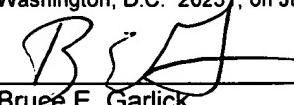
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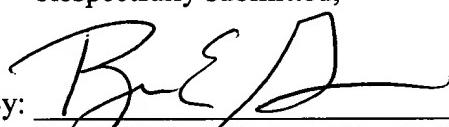
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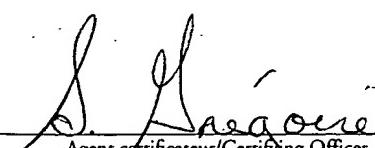
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

- 5 A high data rate (HDR) cellular system designed for date rate users identifies multiple users who may be multiplexed within a high data rate forward traffic channel packet. A new preamble is defined to signal the data rate of the transmission and the identities of the multiple recipients. By multiplexing users on forward data channels in high data rate systems,
10 the system is more efficient. Also, it achieves an efficient addressing to identify multiple users within the data packet.

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**MULTIPLEXING USERS ON FORWARD DATA CHANNELS
IN HIGH DATA RATE SYSTEMS**

TECHNICAL FIELD

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The present invention relates to a high data rate cellular systems and in particular to a method for multiplexing users on forward data channels in high data rate systems.

10 BACKGROUND ART

High data rate (HDR) cellular systems designed for date rate users have been proposed by Qualcomm (corporate name). Detailed specifications of the HDR cellular systems are disclosed in the submission "HDR Air Interface (HAI) Specification" of 2000.03.20. In the proposed systems, the forward traffic channel encoder packet is not designed to accommodate multiple users. If a user does not require all of the packet to send information, the rest of the packet will be redundant. Particularly at the higher data rate ranges (e.g., > 614kb/s), an opportunity exists to 15 improve the system efficiency and increase the system capacity. As such, there is also no convenient addressing method proposed for the identification of multiple users who may be multiplexed within a high data rate forward traffic channel packet. Further, there is no proposed method to signal the data rate to the access terminal, since the design is to 20 provide only those data rates on the forward link as requested by the access terminal (AT).

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

30 It is an object of the present invention to provide a method for multiplexing users on forward data channels in high data rate systems. To make the system more efficient, the present invention proposes that users may be multiplexed within a forward data channel encoder packet. Also, the present invention proposes an efficient addressing method to identify 35 multiple users within the data packet. Furthermore, the present invention proposes a method to signal the data rate to the AT such that the AT can now accept any data rate equal to or lower than that requested by it.

Changes proposed will impact the forward traffic preamble portion of the HDR forward traffic channel.

According to the most general aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method for multiplexing users on forward data channels in

- 5 high data rate systems, the method comprising the step of: when a relatively small amount of data w.r.t. packet size at very high data rates is transmitted, leaving the remaining packet is not empty or filled with redundant data.

10 The method may comprises the steps of: using the remaining packet efficiently to include the data from other users; if a user at a higher data rate is given an opportunity to utilize such a packet at a lower data rate, multiplexing the higher data rate user's transmission into the packet; and defining a new preamble to signal the data rate of the transmission and the identities of the multiple recipients.

15 The present invention enhances the proposed HDR systems to enable efficient transmission of data on the forward link, so as to maximize the capacity and utilization of the forward link. The higher capacity will enable more users to access the system and will also reduce the overall delay in delivery of the recipient's data. The present invention
20 supports multiple users on the forward traffic channel in the proposed HDR systems.

DETEAILED DESCRIPTION

25 Embodiments of the present invention will now be described by way of example only. Embodiments of the present invention are applied into the proposed HDR cellular systems described in "HDR Air Interface (HAI) Specification" of 2000.03.20. The specifications are incorporated herein by reference.

30 The proposed HDR system, transmission on the Forward traffic channel (FTC) is TDM. At any given time, the channel is either being transmitted or not, and if it is being transmitted, it is addressed to a single user. When transmitting the FTC, the access network users a MACindex-dependent preamble to identify the target access terminal (pp. 8-29,
35 Section 8.4.5.3, HAI2000.03.20). A preamble sequence (pp. 9-51, section 9.3.1.3.2.3.1, HAI2000.03.20) is transmitted with the ach traffic channel packet in order to assist access terminal synchronization with the first slot

of each variable rate transmission. The preamble is time-multiplexed into the traffic channel stream at the beginning of the first slot of the packet being transmitted. The preamble sequence consists of unmodulated BPSK, covered by a particular 32-ary Walsh function, repeated several times

5 depending on the data rate of the packet. For user data, the preamble is covered with the Walsh function W_i_{32} where i is the MACindex of the access terminal for which the data is destined. The preamble Walsh cover which is 32 chips long is transmitted preamble_repetition times according to the data rate of the associated traffic channel packet, as specified in

10 Table 9-22 pp. 9-52 HAI2000.03.20). The definition of the preamble restricts the use of the traffic channel by a single user at a rate defined by the AT.

It is proposed that when a user is transmitting a relatively small amount of data w.r.t. packet size at very high data rates, the remaining

15 packet should not be left empty or filled with redundant data, but used efficiently to include the data from other users. It is also proposed that if a user at a higher data rate is given an opportunity to utilize such a packet at a lower data rate, the higher data rate user's transmission can be multiplexed into the packet.

20 The embodiment of the present invention defines a new preamble to signal the data rate of the transmission and the identities of the multiple recipients as follows:

Modulation Phase	Chip Duration		
	64	32	32
I	X	WC_1	WC_2
Q	EDRI	WC_3	WC_4

(WC = 32-ary Walsh identifier)

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The Explicit data rate indication (EDRI) is (8,4,4) code. The preamble proposes that the 64 chip preamble sequence on the I channel be enhanced with an additional 64 chip sequence. This sequence will then carry the MACindexes of 2 users as 32 chip Walsh functions. Similarly, the Q channel will carry MACindexes of 2 additional users. The EDRI is also multiplexed into the 64 chip sequence of the Q channel. Thus - 4 user addresses may be multiplexed in an encoder packet - the data rate to the

AT may be different from that requested by the AT and indicated in the EDRI. The data rate transmitted should be equal to or lower than the data rate requested by the AT. Up to four users' data identified by the WCs may then be multiplexed into the forward traffic channel. The users' data

- 5 is also separated by an independent CRC to verify the reception of the data, so that the erroneously received user packets are requested to be retransmitted. The method is employed only when the forward traffic channel data rates are high (e.g., >614.4 kbps). At lower data rates, the traditional preamble sequence is used.

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1. A method for multiplexing users on forward data channels in high data rate systems, the method comprising the step of:
when a relatively small amount of data w.r.t. packet size at very high data rates is transmitted, leaving the remaining packet is not empty or filled with redundant data.

- 10 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
using the remaining packet efficiently to include the data from other users.

- 15 3. The method of claim 1 or 2, further comprising the step of:
if a user at a higher data rate is given an opportunity to utilize such a packet at a lower data rate, multiplexing the higher data rate user's transmission into the packet.

- 20 4. The method of claim 1, 2 or 3, further comprising the step of:
defining a new preamble to signal the data rate of the transmission and the identities of the multiple recipients as follows:

Modulation Phase	Chip Duration		
	64	32	32
I	X	WC_1	WC_2
Q	EDRI	WC_3	WC_4

(WC= 32-ary Walsh identifier)

- 25 wherein the EDRI is an explicit data rate indication.

5. The method of claims 4, wherein the EDRI is (8,4,4) code.